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G 000	INITIAL COMMENTS This Statement of Deficiencies was generated as a result of the Medicare recertification survey and complaint investigation conducted at your agency from July 18, 2008 through July 22, 2008. The active census at the time of the survey was 41. Fifteen clinical records were reviewed. Five home visits were conducted. One closed record was reviewed. One complaint was investigated. Complaint #NV15637 - Unsubstantiated The findings and conclusions of any investigation by the Health Division shall not be construed as prohibiting any criminal or civil investigations, actions or other claims for relief that may be available to any party under applicable federal, state, or local laws. The following regulatory deficiencies were identified:	G 000		
G 121	484.12(c) COMPLIANCE W/ ACCEPTED PROFESSIONAL STD The HHA and its staff must comply with accepted professional standards and principles that apply to professionals furnishing services in an HHA. This STANDARD is not met as evidenced by: Based on observation, interview, and document review, the facility failed to comply with accepted professional standards and principles for 1 of 15 sampled patients. Findings include:	G 121		

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G 121	Continued From page 1 Observation/Interview On 7/18/08 at 9:45 AM, the registered nurse (RN) failed to perform hand hygiene prior to reaching into her nursing bag to retrieve equipment. At 9:55 AM, the RN cleansed the the patient's lower left leg shin wound by wiping from approximately 2 centimeters on one side of the wound to the other side of the wound 3 times. On 7/18/08 at 4:30 PM, the Director of Nursing (DON) indicated she would expect the RN to perform hand hygiene each time prior to retrieving equipment from her nursing bag. The DON indicated she would expect the RN to cleanse the wound by starting from the center and moving outward in a circular motion. Document Review The Dressing Change Policy (undated) utilized by the facility indicated the nurse was to "Clean from the least contaminated area to the most contaminated area."	G 121		
G 145	484.14(g) COORDINATION OF PATIENT SERVICES A written summary report for each patient is sent to the attending physician at least every 60 days. This STANDARD is not met as evidenced by: Based on interview and record review, the agency failed to provide documentation of summaries every 60 days for 3 of 15 patients (#2, #5, #14). Findings include: Record Review	G 145		

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G 145	Continued From page 2 Patient #2's Plans of Care (POC) dated 04/17/08 to 06/15/08 and 06/16/08 to 08/14/08, did not contain written 60 day summaries. The OASIS Comprehensive Assessments dated 04/16/08 and 06/12/08, did not contain written 60 day summaries. Patient #2's chart lacked a 60 day summary form for two consecutive recertification periods. Patient #14's Plans of Care (POC) dated 04/15/08 to 06/13/08 and 06/14/08 to 08/12/08, did not contain written 60 day summaries. The Oasis Comprehensive Assessments dated 02/14/08, 04/12/08, and 06/14/08, did not contain written 60 day summaries. Patient #14's chart lacked a 60 day summary for two consecutive recertification periods. Document Review According to the agency's Clinical Record Submission Policy last updated 09/16/06, "all Oasis, Start of Care, Recertifications, and Discharge documentations must be turned in to the office within 48 hours after the completion of assessment. All other documents must be turned in on a weekly basis, on Mondays." On page 53 of the agency's policy manual, a section entitled Oasis Comprehensive Assessment states, "a 60 day summary must be completed and a copy must be sent to physician either by fax or mail...summary of care on OASIS form may be used in place of agency's 60 day summary form." Patient #5 was a 72 year-old female admitted on	G 145		

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G 145	Continued From page 3 7/12/08 with diagnoses including Non-healing Surgical Wound, uncontrolled diabetes mellitus, joint pain and generalized muscle weakness. The clinical record for Patient #5 lacked documented evidence of a 60 day summary for the period ending 7/11/08. Interview On 07/18/08 in the afternoon, the Administrator failed to provide evidence of written 60 day summaries for Patients #2, #5 and #14. On 7/22/08 in the afternoon, the Director of Nursing indicated a copy of the physician summaries would be faxed. The requested documents were not received.	G 145		
G 158	484.18 ACCEPTANCE OF PATIENTS, POC, MED SUPER Care follows a written plan of care established and periodically reviewed by a doctor of medicine, osteopathy, or podiatric medicine. This STANDARD is not met as evidenced by: Based on record review, the agency failed to follow the plan of care for 3 of 15 sampled patients (#1, 5, 8). Findings include: Patient #1 Patient #1 was an 88 year-old female, admitted on 6/6/08, with diagnoses including Open Wound, Hypertension, Lumbago,Generalized Muscle Weakness and Difficulty Walking.	G 158		

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G 158	Continued From page 4 Patient #1 had physician's orders to be seen by nursing every day during June 2008. The record lacked documented evidence of a skilled nursing visit on 6/21/08. The record lacked documented evidence the agency had notified the physician of the missed visit for 6/21/08. Patient #5 Patient #5 was a 72 year-old female admitted on 5/13/08, with diagnoses including Non-healing Surgical Wound, Uncontrolled Diabetes Mellitus, Generalized Muscle Weakness and Joint Pain. Patient #5 had a physician's order for physical therapy (PT) 2 times a week for 2 weeks for the week of 6/29/08. The clinical record lacked documented evidence PT had seen Patient #5 a second time during the week of 7/6/08. The clinical record lacked documented evidence the agency had notified the physician of the missed visit for the week of 7/6/08. On a Resumption of Care (ROC) physician's order, occupational therapy (OT) was ordered once a week for one week and 3 times a week for one week. The clinical record lacked documented evidence Patient #5 was seen by OT three times during the week of 6/21/08. The clinical record lacked documented evidence the agency had notified the physician of the missed visit for the week of 6/21/08. Patient #8 Patient #8 was a 91 year-old female admitted on 1/1/08, with diagnoses including Deep Vein Thrombosis, Long Term Anticoagulant Use and	G 158		

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G 158	Continued From page 5 Generalized Muscle Weakness. Patient #8 had a physician's order for skilled nursing (SN) visits once a week for 4 weeks. The clinical record lacked documented evidence showing a SN visit was done during the week of 2/24/08. The clinical record lacked documented evidence the agency had notified the physician of the missed visit for the week of 2/24/08.	G 158		
G 165	484.18(c) CONFORMANCE WITH PHYSICIAN ORDERS Drugs and treatments are administered by agency staff only as ordered by the physician. This STANDARD is not met as evidenced by: Based on record review, the agency failed to administer drugs and treatments only as ordered by the physician for 7 of 15 patients (#1, #2, #3, #4, #5, #6, #8). Findings include: 1. Record Review Patient #2: Start of Care 06/22/07 - A medication profile dated 03/20/08 indicated Zocor 20 milligrams by mouth daily. - A physician's order dated 03/22/08 indicated Zocor 20 milligrams by mouth twice daily. - A Plan of Care for a recertification period dated 04/17/08 to 06/15/08 indicated Zocor 20 milligrams by mouth daily. - A medication profile dated 05/12/08 indicated Zocor 20 milligrams by mouth twice daily. - A medication profile dated 06/12/08 indicated Zocor 20 milligrams by mouth daily.	G 165		

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G 165	Continued From page 6 - A Plan of Care for a recertification period dated 06/16/08 to 08/14/08 indicated Zocor 20 milligrams by mouth daily. The chart lacked physician's orders changing the frequency of Zocor from twice daily to daily between 03/22/08 and 04/17/08, from daily to twice daily between 04/17/08 and 05/12/08, and from twice daily to daily between 05/12/08 and 06/12/08. Patient #4: Start of Care 09/02/06 - A physician's order dated 05/14/08, indicated Darvocet N-100 by mouth every 8 hours as needed for back pain. - A Plan of Care for a recertification period dated 06/23/08 to 08/21/08, failed to indicate Darvocet N-100 on its medication list. - The chart lacked a physician's order discontinuing Darvocet N-100 between 05/14/08 and 06/23/08. - A physician's order dated 06/25/08, indicated Levaquin 500 milligrams by mouth daily for 10 days and Medrol dose pack. A medication profile dated 06/21/08, failed to indicate the Levaquin or Medrol update. The chart failed to indicate if the patient received the Levaquin and the Medrol. Patient #6: Start of Care 06/14/07 - A Plan of Care for a recertification period dated 12/11/07 to 02/08/08, indicated Valium 10 milligrams by mouth daily, Topamax 200 milligrams by mouth three times daily, and Phenobarbital 65 milligrams by mouth three times daily. - A physician's order dated 12/29/07, indicated	G 165		

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G 165	Continued From page 7 Valium 10 milligrams by mouth four times daily, Topamax 600 milligrams by mouth twice daily, and Phenobarbital 65 milligrams by mouth twice daily. - A medication profile dated 02/06/08, indicated Valium 10 milligrams by mouth three times daily, Topamax 600 milligrams by mouth twice daily, and Phenobarbital 65 milligrams by mouth twice daily as needed. A Plan of Care for a recertification period dated 02/09/08 to 04/08/08, indicated Valium 10 milligrams by mouth three times daily, Topamax 600 milligrams by mouth twice daily, and Phenobarbital 65 milligrams by mouth twice daily as needed. The agency discharged the patient 03/11/08. The chart lacked physician orders for any of the above changes. 2. Record Review and Interview Patient #1 was an 89 year-old female admitted on 6/6/08 with diagnoses including Open Lower Leg Wound and High Blood Pressure. A physician's order dated 7/10/08, indicated Patient #1 was to perform soaks to the left lower leg every 2 hours while awake. The order did not include what solution the patient was to use. The order did not indicate the patient or skilled nurse (SN) should continue with the current wound care until the new supplies were available. A nursing note by the SN dated 7/10/08 read, "Continue to apply Hydrogel to wound bed for now while new meds are not yet available."	G 165		

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A nursing note dated 7/12/08, indicated the SN "Poured water into basin with Epsom salt . . ."

On 7/18/08 at 4:40 PM, the director of nursing (DON) indicated the solution Patient #1 was to soak her leg in should have been included on the physician's order.

Patient #3

Patient #3 was an 83 year-old female admitted on 7/11/08, with diagnoses including Difficulty Walking, Hypertension, Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease and Generalized Muscle Weakness.

Patient #3 was taking Lasix 20 milligrams by mouth every day (since 4/19/08). There was no physician's order for the patient to be taking Lasix. The patient's son indicated the patient took the Lasix only when needed for swelling in her lower extremities.

Patient #5

Patient #5 was a 72 year-old female admitted on 5/13/08, with diagnoses including Non-healing Surgical Wound, Uncontrolled Diabetes Mellitus and Generalized Muscle Weakness.

Medication issues
- On 5/13/08, when Patient #5 was discharged from the acute care facility, three anti-diabetic medications (Amaryl, Actos and Metformin) had been discontinued. Patient #5 continued to take them, along with Insulin. On 5/16/08, Patient #5 had a blood sugar reading of 43.

Wound care issues

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- A physician's order dated 6/10/08 read, "DC (discontinue) previous wound care to abdominal area. New wound care . . . cleanse wound with NS (normal saline), pat dry, apply Hydrogel, top with thin layer of gauze moistened with NS, cover with dry 4 x 4 (gauze) and secure . . . QD. . . increase skilled nursing visit frequency to every day for 7 days."
- A nursing note dated 6/12/08 read, "Cleaned with NS, patted dry and dry dressing applied."
- A nursing note dated 6/14/08 read, "Cleansed wound with NS, patted dry, applied Hydrogel, covered with a 4 x 4 and secured with tape."
- A nursing note dated 6/16/08 lacked documentation regarding wound care. The nursing note lacked a nurse's signature.

Foley catheter issues
- Patient #5 was discharged from the acute care facility with a Foley catheter, size 16 French with a 10 cc balloon. The clinical record lacked an order for Foley catheter changes and management.
- A nursing note dated 6/12/08 read, "Foley cath changed today using sterile technique 18 French catheter . . . patient tolerated well." The genitourinary section of the note revealed the size was 18 French with a 20 cc balloon.
- A nursing note dated 6/28/08 read, " . . . leaking. Removed old Foley cath that was in place and placed a new Foley catheter using sterile technique." The genitourinary section of the note revealed the size was 20 French with a 30 cc balloon.

Patient #8

Patient #8 was 92 year-old female admitted on 1/1/08, with diagnoses including Deep Vein

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G 165	Continued From page 10 Thrombosis, Long-term Use of Anticoagulant and Generalized Muscle Weakness. - The clinical record lacked documented evidence of a wound. The clinical record lacked evidence of a physician's order for wound care. Two nursing notes (dated 1/12/08 and 1/13/08) contained documentation about wound care that had been performed on Patient #8's left lower extremity by the nurse. - The clinical record lacked documented evidence of a physician's order to apply lotion to Patient #8's skin. Nursing notes (dated 1/9/08, 1/10/08, 1/12/08, 1/13/08, 1/17/08, 1/19/08 and 1/23/08) contained documentation about indicating the nurse had applied lotion to Patient #8's "dry skin."	G 165		
G 166	484.18(c) CONFORMANCE WITH PHYSICIAN ORDERS Verbal orders are put in writing and signed and dated with the date of receipt by the registered nurse or qualified therapist (as defined in section 484.4 of this chapter) responsible for furnishing or supervising the ordered services. This STANDARD is not met as evidenced by: Based on record review and document review, the agency failed to provide physician signatures on its Plan of Care (POC) for 1 of 15 patients (#2). Findings include: Patient #2	G 166		

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G 166	Continued From page 11 Record Review A registered nurse signed Patient #2's POC dated 06/16/08 to 08/14/08 on 06/12/08. The physician failed to sign the plan as of 07/18/08, 33 days after the start of the certification. Document Review On page 45 of the agency's policy manual, a section entitled Physician's Plan Of Care/Orders states "consultation with the physician on the plan of care or any modification in the Plan of Care will be documented and the physician's signature obtained 30 days of the date of the order."	G 166		
G 229	484.36(d)(2) SUPERVISION The registered nurse (or another professional described in paragraph (d)(1) of this section) must make an on-site visit to the patient's home no less frequently than every 2 weeks. This STANDARD is not met as evidenced by: Based on interview, record review, and document review, the agency failed to provide documented supervisory visits every 14 days for home health aides for 3 of 15 patients (#4, #5, #12). Findings include: 1. Record Review Patient #4: Start of Care 09/02/06 The patient received twice weekly home health aide visits between 05/03/08 and 05/31/08 and weekly home health aide visits between 06/01/08	G 229		

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G 229	Continued From page 12 and 07/05/08. Between 05/17/08 and 07/02/08, the patient received one home health aide supervisory visit on 06/06/08. Patient #12: Start of Care 01/31/07 The patient received twice weekly home health aide visits between 01/01/08 and 06/06/08. The chart lacked evidence of documented home health aide supervisory visits between 02/28/08 and 06/06/08. Document Review According to the agency's Clinical Record Submission Policy last updated 09/16/06, "all Oasis, Start of Care, Recertifications, and Discharge documentations must be turned in to the office within 48 hours after the completion of assessment. All other documents must be turned in on a weekly basis, on Mondays." Interview On 07/18/08 in the afternoon, the administrator failed to provide documentation of supervisory visits for Patients #4 and #12. 2. Record Review Patient #5 was a 72 year-old female admitted on 5/13/08 with diagnoses including Non-healing Surgical Wound, Uncontrolled Diabetes Mellitus and Generalized Muscle Weakness. The certified nurses aide (CNA) saw Patient #5 for personal care 3 times a week for 7 weeks, beginning 5/14/08. The second supervisory visit	G 229		

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G 229	Continued From page 13 was made on 6/20/08, 17 days after the previous supervisory visit.	G 229		